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Title: Proximity Detection Circuit and
Method of Detecting Small Capacitance
Changes

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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.323

Dear Sir:

Attached is Form PTO/SB/44, which lists errors in the Patent due to Applicants' mistakes (37 C.F.R. § 1.323).

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.323, Patentee hereby requests that the errors listed below be corrected. The exact page/column and line reference in the patent where the corrections should be made are as follows:

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Sheet 15 (Fig 10A)

Times should be in micro seconds (μ not u)

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Capacitor 260 should be 0.1 micro Farad (μ not u)

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The text above resistor 270 should read -- R1 AND C1 HAVE A CORNER
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FIG. 4B is a side view of the locking bar showing the placement of the compression springs. The compression springs 70, 72 also tend to resist the release of the locking bar 36, insuring that a required force is needed to unlock the locking bar 36. The required force is typically between 0.5 lbf and 3.0 lbf, or more. In this embodiment, the force is 2.0 lbf when the spring is in a fully compressed position, and 1.1 lbf when the spring is in the rest position. In the rest position, the forces of the opposing springs offset each other.

In Column 13, line 52, after the word "exponential", add the word --waveform --.

In Column 13, line 57, add a parenthesis after the words "32 μ s" to read as follows : -- 32 μ s), --

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REMARKS

The requested corrections address obvious errors and other questions of form, not substance, and do not raise any questions regarding new matter. In particular the change in the legend on Fig 10C from 200Hz to 20Hz is supported by the following language on page 22 of the originally filed specification.

[0104] The combination of the resistor XR1 270 (e.g., 499 k Ω) and the capacitor XC1 272 (e.g., 0.1 μ F) comprise a low pass filter with a corner frequency of $1/XR1 \bullet XC1$ (e.g., **20 Hz**), which corresponds to a time constant of $XR1 \bullet XC1$ (e.g., 50 ms). This filter is for rejection of large 50 Hz or 60 Hz noise. These "high" frequencies are effectively shorted to ground. It is particularly helpful when the towel dispenser proximity detector is powered from an AC-coupled supply. The ubiquitousness of the AC power frequency, however, makes this protection desirable, regardless. [emphasis added].

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